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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a sickle cell disease task force.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.117, to read as follows:

191.117. 1. There is hereby established in the department of health and senior services a "Sickle Cell Disease Task Force". The task force shall consist of nineteen members, as follows:

(1) The lieutenant governor or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force;

(2) The director of the department of health and senior services, or the director's designee;

(3) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

(4) One member of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate;

(5) Two members who have sickle cell disease or are family members of persons with sickle cell disease;

(6) Two members who are licensed physicians with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of sickle cell disease;

(7) Two members with expertise in sickle cell disease research;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 16 **(8) One member with expertise in minority health;**
17 **(9) Three members from leading sickle cell disease organizations; and**
18 **(10) Five members representing urban community leaders and organizations.**
19 **2. The members of the task force, other than the lieutenant governor, members**
20 **from the general assembly, and department director, shall be appointed by the governor**
21 **with the advice and consent of the senate. Members shall serve on the task force without**
22 **compensation.**
23 **3. The task force shall:**
24 **(1) Assess the impact of sickle cell disease on urban communities in the state of**
25 **Missouri;**
26 **(2) Examine the existing services and resources addressing the needs of persons**
27 **with sickle cell disease; and**
28 **(3) Develop recommendations to provide educational services to schools on the**
29 **traits of sickle cell disease and their effects.**
30 **4. The task force shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and**
31 **recommendations required to be completed under subsection 3 of this section:**
32 **(1) Trends in state sickle cell disease populations and their needs, including but not**
33 **limited to the state's role in providing assistance;**
34 **(2) Existing services and resources;**
35 **(3) Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the**
36 **provision of clear and coordinated services and supports to persons living with sickle cell**
37 **disease and strategies to address any identified gaps in services; and**
38 **(4) Replacing the genetic testing and counseling program eliminated due to lack of**
39 **funding. The program was an hour-long workshop provided to schools on the traits of**
40 **sickle cell disease and the effects of such traits.**
41 **5. The task force shall hold a minimum of one meeting at three urban regions in the**
42 **state of Missouri to seek public input.**
43 **6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to**
44 **the general assembly and the governor no later than December 31, 2012.**
45 **7. Until December 31, 2014, the task force shall continue to meet at the request of**
46 **the chair and at a minimum of one time annually for the purpose of continuing the study**
47 **of sickle cell disease in this state, the impact of the task force recommendations, and to**
48 **provide an annual supplemental report on the findings to the governor and the general**
49 **assembly.**
50 **8. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2014.**

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